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SUBJECT: FY 74 SELF HELP OBLIGATIONS AND PROJECTS

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1. PREVIOUS ALLOTMENTS COMPLETELY OBLIGATED WITH EXCEPTION \$14.

2. EMBASSY HAS ON HAND 32 PROJECT APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$76,402, THIRTY-ONE OF WHICH ARE PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS. EMBOFFS HAVE PAID VISITS TO A NUMBER OF THESE SCHOOLS, IN NEARLY ALL CASES OBSERVING CLASSES OF 30 TO 40 PUPILS IN SESSION UNDER TREES. AS RAINY SEASON SPANS FIVE OF NINE SCHOOL MONTHS, EDUCATION PROCESS BECOMES CHAOTIC IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE.

3. GOM INFORMED US IT HAS ADDITIONAL 45 APPROVED PROJECT APPLICATIONS TOTALING APPROX \$90,000 READY TO FORWARD TO EMBASSY WHEN OUR BACKLOG REDUCED.

4. DUE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THESE SH PROJECTS ON RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPORTANCE ADDITION OF EDUCATED PERSONS TO NATIONAL RESOURCE BASE, EMBASSY HOPES FUND AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ASAP. MALAWI SH PROJECTS ARE GENUINE LOCAL COMMUNITY EFFORTS WITH GOM PROVIDING STANDARDIZED PLANS, TECHNICAL DIRECTION AND FISCAL COORDINATION WITH OUTSIDE DONORS. EMBASSY REQUESTS ALLOCATION MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FY 74 FUNDS.
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